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Southend named UK's best public realm



STUNNING: Southend's City Beach.

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SOUTHEND has been named the UK's 'best public realm' by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI).

The top award follows the development of a series of projects including City Beach and Victoria Gateway.

Colin Haylock, the President of the RTPI, congratulated Southend after it triumphed over favourites, which included Liverpool and Edinburgh.

He said: "Planning is all about making great places, balancing often competing interests, and

finding practical ways to overcome challenges."

"Given the stiff competition, a category award is a significant professional achievement."

Jonathan Garston, lead councillor for planning, described beating some of the UK's most famous

cities as a 'great achievement'.

He said: "We are thrilled to have won this award against exceptionally tough competition from across the country."

"It is a really great achievement for the Southend projects to have come up trumps."

READY FOR TAKE OFF

PASSENGERS will be able to fly to America from London Southend Airport from May.

Aer Lingus announced daily Transatlantic connectivity to New York, Boston, Chicago and Orlando via Dublin on Monday.

The announcement coincides with the launch of easyJet flights to Spain and Portugal from April.

Southend tourism is expected to benefit from American travellers looking for an alternative route into London.

London Southend Airport managing director, Alastair Welch, said: "Dublin is a popular and welcome addition to the services we offer, especially with the very exciting potential for convenient onward journeys to the USA."

"We look forward to welcoming Aer Lingus passengers for both Dublin and America to our

brand new passenger terminal and redeveloped airport."

Mr Welch confirmed the new route will take the number of destinations available to 15 from this summer. He hopes to divert business from Stansted and Gatwick with:

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Aer Lingus, which is owned by Aer Arann, said Southend passengers would also take advantage of a unique US Customs and

Immigrations pre-clearance facilities at Dublin Airport that will allow them to arrive in the States as domestic passengers.

Commenting on the new route, Aer Arann's interim chief executive, Sean Brogan, said: "The introduction of our new competitive London Southend-Dublin service illustrates the success of the franchise operation."

"We are confident that this route will drive traffic from Dublin into London Southend and its surrounding catchment area benefiting local tourism. We look forward to welcoming passengers on board our convenient London Southend to Dublin services from May 10."

The newly opened £10m fly through terminal and railway will soon be complemented by a Holiday Inn.

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Support service

A SERVICE for people who need extra support in the borough has been launched.

The new directory for care and support called SHIP provides information about health and social care services online.

Southend Health and Wellbeing Information Point, offers details of services that help people enjoy independence at home and in their community.

For more visit www.southendinfo-point.org

School place error

MORE THAN 1,500 parents were sent the wrong e-mail about where their child would be going to school in the next academic year last week.

A council spokesman said there was an IT problem which was fixed within a few hours of the issue being identified by the authority.

The e-mails were sent out just after midnight last Thursday.

Safety event

A COMMUNITY safety event will be held on the Queensway Estate, in Southend, to offer advice and support to residents.

It will take place on Thursday, March 29, between 2pm and 5pm, on the elevated walkway off Coleman Street.

Residents will have the opportunity to get their bicycles and mobility scooters tagged and their dogs micro chipped for free.

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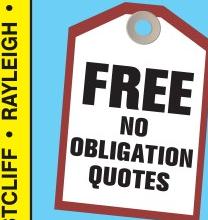
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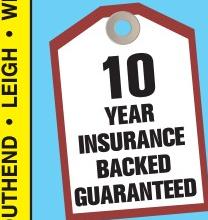


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Airport officially opened

TAKE OFF: Minister for Transport, Justine Greening MP, officially opens Southend Airport.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

THE SECRETARY of State for Transport officially opened the new terminal at London Southend Airport on Monday.

Since Stobart Group purchased the airport in 2008, £100million of private sector funding has been invested in its redevelopment.

It is predicted passenger growth will reach one million in the 12 months from April 2012 with the start of 70 easyJet flights a week.

Transport Secretary Justine Greening MP, explained the opening was good for the region.

She said: "This is a huge step forward for London Southend Airport.

"I would like to congratulate Stobart Group on the excellent facilities, which will make a real difference for passengers.

"Not only will the 500 new jobs created by the summer provide a real boost to the local economy and to the broader Thames Gateway region, the redevelopment will bring new opportunities to both business and tourism.

"Regional airports have an important role to play in this country's

national infrastructure, and this impressive new facility comes at a key time, perfectly positioned for the 2012 Games just a train ride away from Stratford."

The new airport passenger terminal includes a WH Smith, Searcy's catering with Arnold and Forbes brand cafe, and a Stobart duty free outlet.

Stobart Group chief executive, Andrew Tinkler, said the company had worked since early 2009 to deliver on the promises made to bring a new era of prosperity to the airport.

He said: "We are extremely proud of the work we have done here at Southend Airport.

"Now we are delivering on these promises, with new services to Ireland, more than 500 jobs created, a new railway station, new air traffic control tower, new terminal and hotel and we're extending the runway for the start of the easyJet services to nine destinations next month.

"There are very exciting times ahead for London Southend Airport and the broader south Essex and Thames Gateway region."

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Car windows smashed

A WHITE Rover Metro has its windows smashed with rocks.

The car was parked in Hermitage Road, Westcliff.

The damage estimated to be worth £300 happened between 5pm, on Saturday, February 25, and 8am on Sunday, February 26.

Anyone with information should contact PC Michael Latham on 101.

Swim for free

SWIMMERS of all ages are being urged to stretch themselves further with some special new weekly classes.

The Swimfit sessions run every Tuesday, until March 27, from 7pm until 8pm at Southend Swimming and Diving Centre, Caron Park, off Eastern Avenue, Southend, and are designed to help people make the very most of every swim.

Spaces are limited and swimmers are advised to book early by contacting Linda Foster at Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre on 01702 442916, between 8.30am and 3pm, Monday to Thursday.

Report scams

SOUTHEND Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) is urging residents to report scams to help prevent others being conned out of their hard earned cash.

By encouraging residents to report suspicious calls, letters or e-mails, it is hoped people will become less likely to fall foul of tricksters.

Scams can be reported to Action Fraud n 0300 123 2040 or by www.actionfraud.org.uk

Story competition

ESSEX County Council has urged youngsters across the county to take part in a six-week story writing competition.

'The Giants Are Coming' encourages kids to write a giant-themed poem or story, then illustrate it.

All of the stories will be published on the competition and the winner will be turned into a computer game.

Visit www.giantsarecoming.co.uk

Work on £27m education facility officially underway

THE OFFICIAL ground-breaking for the construction of the Forum took place on Monday.

Main contractor Wates Construction is now on site working to complete the £27million project, one of the first of its kind in the country, by the autumn of 2013.

The Forum, in Elmer Approach, will provide a new public and academic library for the town, a new teaching facility for South Essex College and new research and learning facilities for the University.

It will also be a new home for the Focal Point Gallery, a new cafe and a new lecture theatre.

Councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis explained the groundbreaking marked the start of the venture.

Mr Jarvis said: "We are immensely proud of this joint project, which is one of the first of its kind in the country, and it is a tribute to trailblazing partnership working."

Registrar at the University of Essex, Bryn Morris, believes the ceremony marked a huge step forward.



DIG: Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex, Professor Colin Riordan, The Mayor of Southend Councillor David Norman and acting principal and chief executive of South Essex College, John Hayles.

He said: "This project is a vital addition to the University's growing presence in the town and we look forward to seeing The Forum Southend-on-Sea come to life."

John Hayles, acting principal and chief executive of South Essex

College, said: "It's great to help kick off The Forum Southend-on-Sea project with all the partners at this groundbreaking ceremony."

The Council is providing £12.5 million towards the cost of the scheme, with the University contributing £10.4 million and the College £4 million.



Students to hold free fashion show

SHOW: TK Maxx store manager Emma Chaplin with fashion students.

STUDENTS from South East Essex College will be throwing a free fashion show at The Royals Shopping Centre.

The show being held on Saturday, March 24, is the first big project that Foundation Degree Fashion, Communication & Marketing students have worked on as a group.

Sophie Polak, 19, from Romford, was looking forward to the event.

She said: "The fashion show at The Royals is a fantastic brief as it is one

that is an actual event and will give us all a great insight into the ins and outs of organising a catwalk show for the public.

"It's also something that will really standout on our CVs so is an amazing opportunity for all of us."

The students have all been given their own shops from The Royals to work with and will be picking and styling the outfits for their catwalk appearances.

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Olympic art exhibition

JOURNEY to the Podium - an art exhibition based around the Olympic Games - will run until the end of the month in the Beecroft Gallery, in Westcliff.

This exhibition is a culmination of a three year project and provides, through art, an insight into the world of dedication, focus and sacrifice demanded of an aspiring Olympic and Paralympic athlete.

In the build up to the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, Essex County Council established the Team Essex Ambassadors Award.

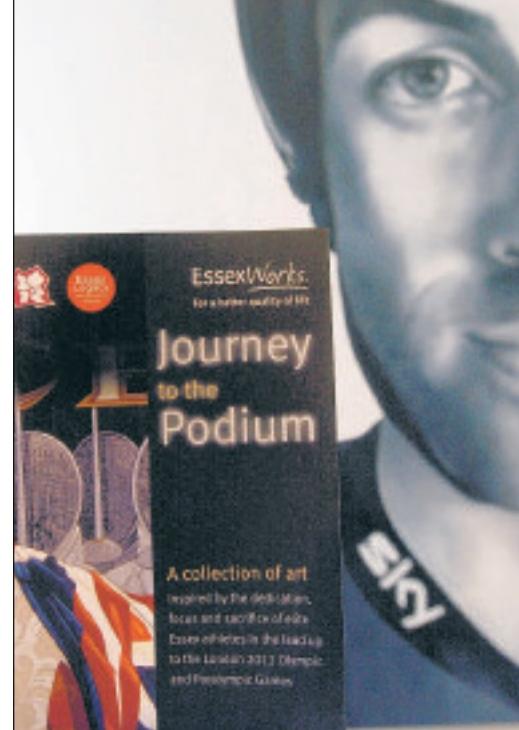
It aimed to support and nurture local athletes who had been identified as having the potential to compete in the London 2012 Games.

To celebrate and capture talented athletes, Essex County Council's Team annually commissioned artists to 'Adopt an Athlete' and create artworks that mark their journey to the podium, or at least the 2012 Games.

The resulting exhibition is a 2012 Legacy project which really delivers.

Clare Hunt, Southend Museums' curatorial manager, said, having met the artists and the athletes, you can see that the artists were inspired and amazed by the dedication of the athletes and their families.

She said: "It is evident that



some life-long friendships have been formed that will far outlive the project and we are delighted to be chosen as the only venue which will host all the work produced over the three years."

The exhibition runs until

Saturday, March 31, when selected works will go on display in the Houses of Parliament.

JOURNEY TO THE PODIUM:
A selection of some of the artwork in the exhibition.

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Police launch crackdown on charity shop robberies

AN OPERATION has been launched to crack down on the amount of burglaries in charity shops in Westcliff.

There have been eight burglaries at the stores in Hamlet Court Road, since the end of January.

All of the incidents occurred while the shops were closed and involved entry being forced via the rear of the premises.

Sergeant Ashley Holland, of the Southend Central Neighbourhood Policing Team, explained part of Operation Gymkhana included visits to shops affected offering security advice.

He said: "As well as this, both overt and covert police patrols have been increased in the Hamlet Court Road area during the hours of darkness, with officers on the look out for suspicious activity."

"Council CCTV operators are aware of the spate and are keeping a close eye on cameras covering that area of the town."

"For burglars to target charity shops and steal their takings, as well as any collection boxes they can get their hands on, is absolutely despicable and we are determined to put a stop to this spate of crimes."

The Sue Ryder shop has been targeted four times – once between January and the end of February.

British Heart Foundation has been burgled twice in February.

The Samaritans shop has also been broken into by thieves.

A solicitor's office in Hamlet Court Road was also been broken into at the start of February.

In all instances safes and cash boxes were targeted, including charity collection boxes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Central NPT at Southend Police Station on 101.

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TARGETED: The British Heart Foundation shop has been broken into.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

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House burgled

A HOME in Eastwood Old Road was broken into and jewellery, personal documents and a car were stolen.

The house was broken into between 6.45am last Friday and 6.45pm on Sunday. The stolen car is a red Vauxhall Astra bearing the index YP58 WDR.

Information to DC Luke Dangerfield, at Southend Police Station, by phoning 101.

Bank to support charity

STAFF at a bank in Southend have chosen Havens Hospices to support as their Charity of the Year.

Last week staff in the Halifax branch in the High Street, kicked off their efforts with a cake sale in the foyer of the bank.

The sale turned out to be so popular with customers that by 11am they had sold out and raised more than £160 for the charity.

Windows damaged

MORE THAN £4,000 worth of damage has been caused to windows at the Ocean Beach Bar and Bistro, on Eastern Esplanade.

At some time between 5pm on Tuesday, February 21, and 8am, on Wednesday, February 22, stones were thrown at the windows.

If anyone saw anything suspicious they should contact PC Warren Lamb on 101.

Tyres slashed

A YELLOW Hyundai car had two of its tyres slashed between midnight and 9am on Saturday, February 25.

The car was parked in Chelmsford Avenue, Southend, in the Nelson Pub car park.



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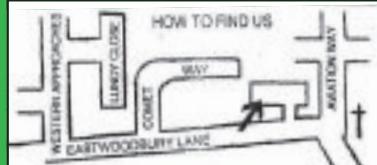
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Bike safety scheme is hailed a success



BIKES: Sara Hadden and Collette Kemp get ready to cycle.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

THOUSANDS of children in Southend have been making themselves safer on their bicycles by taking part in the free Bikeability programme.

The scheme is classed as the cycling proficiency test for the 21st Century and boosts children's confidence on the roads.

Collette Kemp, marketing and promotions manager for the Local Sustainable Transport Team at Southend Council, explained children had been enjoying the scheme all over the borough.

She said: "As an instructor it is wonderful to see children that you have taught out cycling on the road."

"You feel that you have given them the tools to become more independent and that it is the beginning of their journey of being a safe responsible road user."

Bikeability teaches children how to ride safely on roads and gives them confidence to cycle in the roads as well.

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Collette added:

"Children who cycle are more confident, more independent and perform better at school."

"Cycling regularly to school and on other regular journeys has been shown to be the most effective thing an individual can do to improve health and increase longevity."

Bob Night, headteacher at Darlingshurst Primary and Nursery School, thinks he has noticed benefits of his school children taking part in the scheme.

He said: "They take part with great enthusiasm and really enjoy the friendly, sensible advice that they are given."

"Whenever children take part in the lessons they return to their classes with a big smile."

"The mix of advice and guidance is very well balanced and as a result the children learn well."

"An added advantage is that more and more children now come to school by bike - and what is more will be more confident that they will be travelling sensibly and safely."

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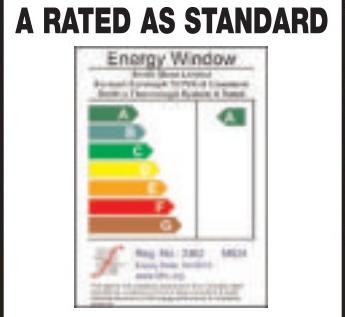
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PREHISTORIC: Museum assistant Mark Shaw at the exhibition.

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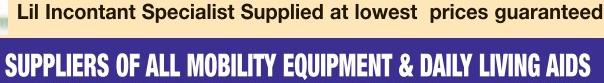


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PEOPLE who could share their hearts and homes with adults with special needs are being asked to step forward and take part in the 'Share Lives' scheme.

The scheme will help place more than 500 vulnerable adults receive long term placements in homes.

Participants in the scheme will be given training and support to offer the placements. Councillor for adult social care, health and housing, Lesley Slater, explained carers come from all walks of life.

She said: "The scheme, through its carers, is a great success and ensures adults with learning disability are able to have active and fulfilling lives."

"But we still need more carers."

"These would be people who can offer a home, a different outlook, and new life experiences to vulnerable people."

Carers are required to have a spare room or downstairs accommodation that can be used as a bedroom.

Mrs Slater added: "We are seeking people with a genuine interest in others."

"They must be understanding and positive, ready to support people to live the life they choose as independently as possible."

People who want to take part in 'Shared Lives' do not need to have any previous experience working with vulnerable people. If you would like to find out more call 01702 215008 and ask for Shared Lives.



SHARED LIVES: Kerry Anderson and Angela Cairey, who have been sharing their lives.

more independent. I'm happy and enjoying myself. I get on well with my Mum and Dad but it's nice having my own life.

"What I want to be able to do next is get on buses so I can go to the shops on my own."

Her Shared Lives carer, Angela, who is a former train driver, said she is working to help build Kerry's confidence so she can eventually have her own flat.

She said: "When Kerry first came she was a little bit shy, quiet and eager to please. But she soon settled in and we've worked hard so she can walk to places on her own."

"When she first used to go, I'd drive to keep an eye on her. She caught me once and asked me what I was doing. She's completely changed now. She's grown her hair; she's good at choosing her own clothes and has really grown in confidence."



CARING: Shared Lives carers.

Case study: Kerry Anderson

AN INDIVIDUAL who has been helped by 'Share Lives' is Kerry Anderson who, at 38 and in spite of Down's Syndrome, is standing on her own two feet.

Her life has changed dramatically when her father became ill last year. With support from the scheme she moved in with carer Angela Cairey, her husband Adrian and two dogs Toby and Molly, in Southchurch, Southend.

She now walks on her own to karate classes and to Southend Adult Community College where she has a voluntary job in the cafe and is taking courses there.

Kerry also enjoys activities run in the community like swimming, the pony club and even a group dedicated to Southend United.

Asked about her life with Angela, she said it was everything to her.

She said: "I've got my freedom and am growing in confidence so I can be

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Savings made in budget

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Council has made a saving of £12million in its budget.

For the second year difficult decisions had to be made to enable the authority to balance its books in the face of severe financial constraints.

Nearly £4m in efficiencies were achieved through renegotiating existing contracts, rationalising systems and localised shared delivery.

To ease the burden on residents the Council's

element of the Council Tax for Southend, already one of the lowest in the country, was frozen for the second year running.

In addition, existing parking charges were maintained across the borough and many parks, leisure, library and pier charges frozen in a bid to assist the local economy and boost local businesses.

The budget adopted two proposals suggested by the Liberal Democrat Group on the Council - the reintroduction of free swimming for the over 65s

on one day a week and the re-launch of the Advantage Card, which offers concessions for leisure centre users.

Council Leader Nigel Holdcroft said: "The ongoing delivery of high quality services has been achieved with massive amounts of hard work, commitment and initiative by

our officers and members.

"It is a matter of great credit that council employees from all parts of the organisation and at all levels have responded to the challenge in this way.

"It is not easy when faced with salary freezes, the constant threat of redundancy,

increasing responsibilities, changing job roles, and occasional ignorant and ill informed criticism.

"It is impossible to deliver continued savings at this level without effect on service users. We do not have the option of leaving our current services as they are."

Council given grant to tackle homelessness

S O U T H E N D Council has been given a grant of £391,000 to tackle homelessness in south Essex.

The borough has been selected by the Department for Communities and Local Government to lead the campaign to solve single homelessness.

The grant is part of a £20million package nationwide to support single homeless people.

Councillor for adult social care, health and housing, Lesley Salter, said the grant would be used to create an action plan alongside neighbouring authorities and voluntary organisations.

She said: "To receive this grant is major recognition of the expertise we have in the borough for being in the regional forefront of helping homeless people.

"We will research existing best practice, potential impacts of the Welfare Reform Bill and other changes, and then draw up robust measures to support individuals who fall outside the usual categories of legal protection."

When announcing the national funding, Housing Minister, Grant Shapps, explained under homelessness legislation, single people were often not classed as "priority need" cases because they had no dependents.

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A MAN has put up a reward for the safe return of his jet ski.

Colin McGarrity-Smith had his Seadoo GTX 4Tec jet ski stolen from his drive in Earls Hall, Southend, in broad daylight on Saturday, January 25.

Thieves stole the machine around 9.45am.

A white Berlingo van pulled up to

his drive and hitched the jet ski onto the back of it.

They then pulled off and left the road.

CCTV footage shows two men were

in the van.

Mr McGarrity-Smith, who is putting up a £1,000 reward, said: "It would be awesome to get it back."

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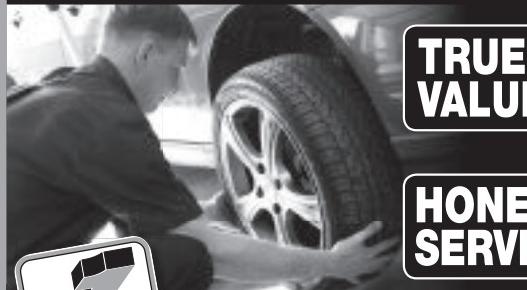
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PROTEST: Members of Southend Animal Aid protesting in Leigh Broadway.

Protest group voices its fury over fur trade

By Paul Giles

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The group protested in the Broadway on Saturday about the fur trade and asked people to sign its fur free pledge petition.

It was hoped the peaceful demonstration would convince shops selling fur products to end their trade in the items.

Julia Greenwood, spokesperson for the group, explained in opinion polls, 95 per cent of people would refuse to wear real fur.

She said: "Wearing fur or fur trim is cruel and unnecessary."

"Whether caught in steel traps in the wild or anally electrocuted after life in a cage on a fur farm, these animals suffer immensely."

"People have that power with every purchase they make."

"We don't have anything against these businesses making money, but we do not agree with them profiting from animal cruelty."

"By asking local shoppers to pledge to be fur free these shops will realise the mass opposition and ditch real fur."

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Funding boost to help those at risk against cold weather

By Paul Giles

VULNERABLE residents have been helped to tackle the health risks of winter, thanks to £85,000 of extra Government funding.

The Warm and Well-on-Sea project was designed to boost work already being undertaken by many voluntary groups and organisations in the borough.

These extra funds and resources helped them target their efforts as widely possible to help vulnerable people protect themselves against the dangers of cold weather.

Managed by Southend Association of Voluntary Services, the project is being directed at ways to lessen the health impacts of winter.

This included producing an information booklet on how vulnerable households can improve the efficiency of their properties as well as look after their health.

A group of volunteers from SAVS and Southend Youth Council have helped prepare letters and leaflets for distribution.

Councillor for adult social care, health and housing, Lesley Salter, explained deprived areas of Southend have significant health inequalities which the council are trying to deal with.

She said: "This funding has a huge boost to build on the very important work already being undertaken in this area."

"In addition there could be more than 5,000 households classified as being in Fuel Poverty - having to spend more than ten per cent of their income on heating."

"The exceptionally cold weather and snow earlier this month, once again highlighted the need for the most vulnerable in Southend to have access to the services already in place to assist them."

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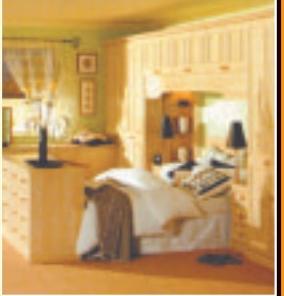
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Opinion and readers' letters

Money should be spent differently

IN response to Paul Giles' article in the Yellow Advertiser. I would like the money to be spent not as it is at present, and to attract visitors other than those who wish to frequent the golden mile.

I have been a resident since 1935. There are now more and more tasteless buildings. Of course, the town has grown and we can't stop that, but why can't we have attractive houses and buildings? There is not one new block of flats that looks other than ugly. Worst the building on top of the old attractive Palace Hotel, just a rectangle. Then the hideous shed like toilet block opposite the Kursaal. The first a visitor sees when you enter City Beach from the North or East is a row of toilet doors.

The pavement opposite the golden mile does look nice but why so wide? It used to be a great attraction to drive along the sea front but it's a road I avoid now with single lane traffic. The residents were not given a thought when this was thought of nor the visitors who like to drive along, it's such a shame.

Get rid of the present town planners, what a mess they have made of Victoria Circus.

Why such a large space of nothing? It's so much worse than before, and just try getting to the post and parcels office.

The sea and beach are our biggest assets, use them. I would like a marina and so would visiting yachtsmen. That would create jobs and wealth. Shops for clothes, boat equipment, food, cafes etc.

There is so much talent in the town, attract families with friendly hotels, boarding houses, all not too expensive.

I believe we are getting an art gallery in the not very old library, a wonderful idea but why build a new library? There are many artists in the town and it would be wonderful to have their work displayed.

We certainly need a good road out of the town from Shoebury to London.

Are underground car parks not feasible? It would be wonderful to have them under the cliffs, and clear the road etc. I saw many in France.

Yes it would be nice to get the High Street alive but that's not going to happen with parking costs. Likewise the York Road market parking fees ruined that.

Many, in fact most of my friends feel the same, the town is being spoilt.

Perhaps the airport is a good idea, but why not position it a little further north in the country. What about the roads, all our roads are so congested

now, the council must do something. What will happen when the airport really gets going?

Is the golden mile an asset, extra police cleaning up etc. When away and you mention Southend - oh the golden mile - not for me. You seldom hear of our many assets.

*Barbara Howe
Thorpe Bay*

High street is dying

OVER recent days we have seen a debate on the future of Southend High Street.

The major problem has not been addressed - our Council's policy of encouraging out of town sites for new stores and Southend's ever increasing parking charges coupled with continuing attacks on customers who try to park i.e. the growing army of enforcing wardens, now with sneaky mobile patrol cars filming everywhere.

Southend parking charges are the most expensive in this part of Essex and the new plans show the closing of even more town centre car parks with more retail stores opening at the airport site, Fossets Farm and the football ground, which should be the final nail in the coffin for our High Street businesses.

This is the reason the town centre stores will go, not, as

has been suggested, because of single mums, benefit claimants and drug addicts.

Southend's anti-motorist policy will cause the end of the town centre as we know it.

*K White
Westcliff-on-Sea*

Old Father Thames

OLD Father Thames floods and ebbs twice a day.

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Old father Thames is a beautiful river it has to be said

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*Barry Tillson
Great Wakering*

You need to look at the bigger picture

WE get a screed from J.Jones, a Hadleigh person, in favour of pedestrianising his/her town centre. "The world should not revolve around the motorist" he/she opines.

Trouble is, in this grand plan all vehicles will grind to a halt, backing up way beyond the narrow High Street both east and west for an unacceptable distance. Late deliveries to local shops, public transport slower than one can walk, and fire engines, ambulances etc severely delayed with tragic consequences likely; does J.Jones want those outcomes? If he/she should ask anyone who has to drive to work from Westcliff, say, to Romford or east London, whether they would like their commuting time extended by two hours or more, he/she would get an extremely dusty answer, to put it mildly.

Drivers going east to

Southend will face the diversion along Rectory Road and Scrub Lane, clogging up their

residents' cars, because of "constipation" by crawling vehicles along the hapless High Street. If J.J. lives along those "highways", he/she might wish to move house, and then would exacerbate the snarl-up by having a monster van parking outside his/her residence for eight hours or so.

So many more unwelcome "knock-on" effects will accrue should this "plonker-plus" plan see the light of day. (I pray J.Jones will manage to however).

*Robert Pulham
Leigh-on-Sea*

Both sides mislead to 'prove' their point

RECENT discussions about global warming show how entrenched the differing opinions are. I do not know the truth of the matter but do know that both sides are capable of publishing misleading statements to 'prove' their argument.

I also do not believe the world is capable of adopting whatever universal solutions are deemed to be necessary because differing national objectives and priorities will always frustrate such aims.

In my opinion, for what it is worth, I accept that global warming is occurring but wonder whether it is only a natural phenomenon that, in the long term, will eventually run its course and correct itself in the nature of past potential catastrophes.

The human race may also adapt to the changing world more easily than the doom-mongers predict. But does the human race have the right to assume that it must survive in the long run?

Would this planet be any worse without us and, for those with religious belief, in which I do not include myself, perhaps 'The Lord moves in a Wondrous way' to fulfil his plan for the human race.

*Richard Clements
Address supplied*

Listen up separatists!

I HAVE sent the following letter about Argentinian and Scottish separatists to David Cameron.

Argentinians. Argentinians are dubbing us 'conquerors' and 'colonisers' with regard to the Falkland Islands. They should be reminded that their forebears – the Spanish conquistadors – invaded and colonised the land that has become Argentina. We have as much right to the Falkland Islands as they have to Argentina.

Scottish separatists. These

people need to be informed that the English and the Scots are genetically identical.

In both cases, their genes are at least 80 per cent Celtic and up to 20 per cent Teutonic. Incidentally, the word 'Sassenach', meaning 'Saxon', was originally a term applied by Highlanders to Lowland Scots.

*Richard Clements
Romford*

Why not test out the new route now?

BEFORE the pedestrianising of the Hadleigh "town centre" begins, would it not be prudent to test out the changing of the High Street to two way traffic, on a temporary basis say for two months?

This could easily be done, after the Olympics, by coning off the London Road both ends, leaving access, as planned to Morrison's. This would show how Hadleigh would cope with the traffic flow through the town, before the actual changes take place, and at a fraction of the cost it would be, if the proposed changes did not work and the London Road had to be reinstated.

Not enough thought appears to have been given to this, and subsequent associated problems. I think it would be a backward step closing London Road for good. Please Castlepoint think again.

*Mr S Claydon
Via e-mail*

Two way traffic will not work

I FULLY agree with the views of Councillor Partridge regarding the ridiculous two way traffic scheme in Hadleigh. Although I would like to see Hadleigh regenerated as it is badly in need of a facelift, the two way traffic system will just not work because of the volume of traffic and the lack of width of the road.

I suggest Mr J Jones of Hadleigh visits the Hadleigh Regeneration shop to visualise the two way traffic in operation, with large vehicles, i.e. buses, lorries thundering past each other, without the problems which will be caused by people trying to get in and out of venues/roads along that road.

And what about the poor old cyclists? He will then realise that we are in the 21st Century and cars are an integral part of life. Ninety per cent of Hadleigh traffic is through traffic.

*Name
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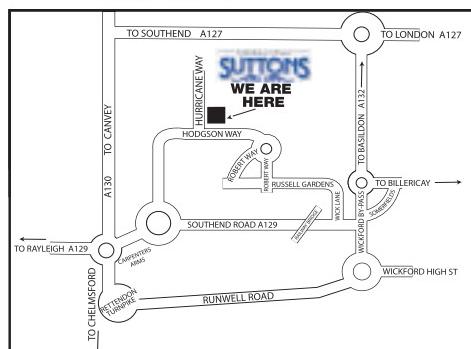
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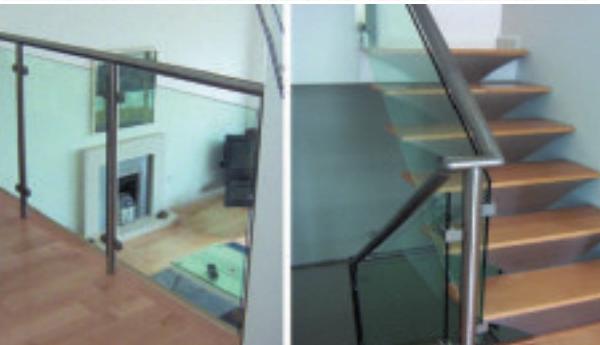
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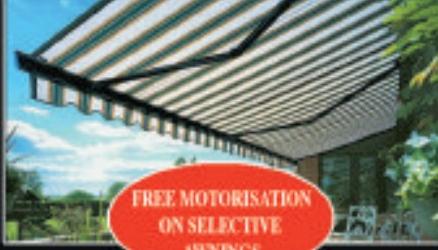
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the verdict

There is loads to do at Shorne Woods because it is really big. There's a visitors centre that has a shop and cafe and there are two play areas with lots of things to climb on. There is an area for smaller kids and an area for bigger kids. There are also lots of trails you can walk around and we picked up a leaflet from the centre. Some were shorter walks and others were longer. The park is a really nice place to go and I would like to go back when it has one of its events.



Joshua Chambers, 10

fact file

■ DIRECTIONS: Shorne Woods Country Park can be found in Brewers Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3HX. The park is signposted from the A2 at the Shorne/Cobham junction, just south of Gravesend.
 ■ OPENING TIMES: The park is open every day except Christmas Day from 9am to dusk or 9pm, whichever is earlier. The cafe and visitor centre is open weekdays from 11am to 4pm, from November to March, and daily from 10am to 5pm from April to October.
 ■ ENTRANCE: It is free to visit the park but there is a pay and display car park throughout the year, seven days a week. Parking costs £2 from Monday to Friday and £2.50 on weekends and Bank Holidays.
 ■ FURTHER INFORMATION: Call 01474 823800 or visit www.kent.gov.uk

LIZ WADE enjoys a day out at Shorne Woods Country Park and finds out about its history.

IT IS amazing what you can find if you venture a little further from home, including great days out with the kids that won't cost an arm and a leg.

Shorne Woods Country Park in Kent ticked all the boxes as, not only was it just a 15 minute drive from the Dartford crossing, but it also had a great visitor centre, plenty of things to keep the kids amused and vast open spaces and woodland to enjoy.

The park is set in 288 acres of ancient broadleaved woodland and open grassland and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Not only is it renowned for its wildflowers and wildlife, it is also known for its work in finding out more about the history of the area. Since 2006 the park has had a Community Archaeologist, as part of a Heritage Lottery-funded project, who is helped by a team of volunteers to identify, investigate and conserve the many different sites within the park.

The archaeology at the park spans from the Stone Age and remains of everything from flint tools to a clay working industry have been found at the site. A Second World War RAF billet camp is still among its trees and the area is also linked with the Cobham Hall Estate and an ancient manor house called Rundale.

Every July excavation takes place at the site of Rundale Manor and, under the guidance

of the community archaeologist, volunteers are welcome to take part. Anyone with a passion for the past can get involved in various ways including field walking, surveying, researching historic documents, artefact identification and excavation.

As well as its opportunities to take part in the search for relics from the past, the country park also offers a whole host of opportunities for a great day out with the family.

There are two play areas for different age groups including one which is more challenging for children up to the age of 16, and a more traditional one for younger children.

Its eco friendly visitor centre, that was opened in 2006, is home to a shop and a cafe which serves sandwiches, snacks and refreshments to visitors, and has both inside and outside seating areas. In the shop area there are a range of leaflets you can pick up including one that has routes mapped out for walkers, from just under a mile to over two. It also has links to explore even further afar whether on foot, bike or horseback.

For those interested in the park's heritage you can even download an audio guide to the park, and its ancient history, from its website that can be played on an MP3 player, or set off on the Explorer Trail and see the site's best landscapes and habitats including ancient woodland to a spot where you can



BEAUTIFUL: Joshua explores the park.

see Darnley Mausoleum on the horizon, which was built in 1786.

Up and coming events at the park included an Easter Bunny Hunt on Sunday and Monday, April 8 and 9. You can drop in to the event, which costs £5 per child, any time between 11am and 3pm and hunt for the elusive Easter Bunny by following a trail of clues. If children solve the clues they will be rewarded with a prize.

On Saturday, April 21, there will be an Open Day at the park from 11am to 3pm, which is free and includes children's activities, guided tours, woodcraft demonstrations, as well as an archaeological exhibition.

There are also several heritage

events each year, including guided walks with costumed interpreters and children's art and crafts. Over a weekend in July, the park celebrates National Archaeology Week when it holds a free family event including lots of make and do activities for kids, tours of the manor house excavation. It is also joined by a living history groups that set up camp with their cannons and crafts.

Shorne Woods Country Park is a fantastic place to go and I would definitely recommend it. Whether you have the children in tow, or want to take in a relaxing stroll on your own, then make sure its Shorne Woods that you go to as you won't be disappointed.

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■ Football School for Girls, Fryerns Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions every Saturday 10.30-11.30am, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls and Ladies FC, 07882 456558.

Sunday, March 11

■ Talk, South & East Essex Branch of the Embroiderers Guild, Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 1.45pm-4.30pm, Celia Reed - The Spinning Lady, members free, visitors £5, refreshments included, Lesley Fowler 07910 093650.

■ Social Ballroom Dance, Runnymede Hall, A13, Kiln Road, Benfleet, all abilities, couples and singles welcome, details 07748 707122.

■ Social Ballroom and Latin Dance, The Main Hall, Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford, doors open 7.45pm, dancing from 8pm-11pm, over 18's only, £6 per person, licensed bar and large free car park, call Graham on 01268 752473 or Jeanne on 01268 565039.

■ Walk, South East Essex Ramblers, Cherry Orchard Country Park, Rochford, 5.5 miles, meet 10am in car park off Cherry Orchard Way, call Endi on 01702 526701.

■ Dad's and Kids Club, The Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, 01702 437863.

■ Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm, 01702 465801.

■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

■ Rugby Training Session, Rochford Hundred Rugby Club, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell, for boys and girls aged between 5

Monday, March 12

■ Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazzytet with Tony Petean saxophone/Mike Warner guitar, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

■ Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'Print Panel Competition', 8pm-10pm.

■ Meeting, Epilepsy Support Group, George Hurd Centre, Basildon, meet on the second Monday of every month, 7.45pm-10pm, call Carolyn on 01268 270697.

■ Music, Ekko Club, Thornford Gardens, Southend, evening of traditional jazz with Carol Braithwaite guesting with house band, 8.30pm-11pm, entrance fee charged, call 01702 435263.

■ Duplicate Bridge at Balmoral Bridge Club,

Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or e-mail join@basilonplayers.co.uk

■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am, 01268 465432.

■ Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm, 01268 465432.

■ Over 50's Social Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 2.30-4.30pm, £2.50 a session, board games, quizzes, pool, Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

■ Club 60, Floor 3, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.

■ Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips, 01268 293995.

■ Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, 01268 691922.

■ Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, all standards welcome, every Monday 7-10pm, £2.50, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, March 13

■ Meeting, New Horizons, bereavement group, meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Holy Cross Church Hall, Hornchurch, 1.30pm-3.30pm, call 01702 524348 or 01702 443800.

■ Tea Dance, St Cedars Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, 1.45pm, call 07767 461694.

■ Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm, with Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced, call 01702 615475.

■ Walk, Friends' Group ES60, East Hamningfield, The Ty, Windmill Tavern, four miles, meet 10.30am, includes stop for pub lunch.

■ Racquet Rascals, Our Lady Church Hall, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 4.30pm and Fridays 1.30pm, pre-school classes, further details 01268 454324.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fyreflys Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon, 01268 465854.

■ Chess, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm, 07752 613021.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, Tuesdays 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.

■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial

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what's on

Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm, 01702 230480.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus; £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250. ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebox Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

■ Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

Wednesday, March 14

■ Jazz, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Golf and Country Club, Hardings Elms Road, Billericay, Dave Lewis tenor sax with Ted Beaumont Trio, 8pm, all welcome, admission £10, 07850 607075.

■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-noon, with Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced students welcome, 01702 615475.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Essex Handicrafts Association, meet at 7.30pm on second Wednesday of every month at St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh, 'History of the Handbag', call 01702 479862.

■ Meeting, Wickford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church (behind Co-op), meet second Wednesday of every month, 1.30pm-3.30pm, visitors welcome, entry £2, call Mrs Bell on 01268 762447.

■ Jazz Circle, Ekco Clubhouse, Thorntford Gardens, Southend, meet every second Wednesday of the month, 8pm, subject Louis Armstrong, call John on 01702 295982.

■ Visual Arts Exhibition, 1st Floor Central Gallery, Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend, runs until April 4, work by artists affiliated to Southend Arts Council.

■ Talk, The Leigh Society, Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh, 'Living as Tudors - Kentwell Hall', talk by Gordon Parkhill, 8pm, non-members also welcome.

■ Meeting, Rocha Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 10 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, Gill 01702 421737.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Crowstone Christian Centre, 91 Crowstone Road, Westclif, 9.30-11.30am (during term time), also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702 352668.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, Sue 07917 573653.

■ Played Bowls? Before? Come and try it at F&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Charlie 01277 623752.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Buttercup Club, Scout Hall, Ellensbrook Close, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, March 15

■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, with Mike Warner - guitar, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.

■ Art Class, Westclif United Reform Church, Kings Road, Westclif, 10am-noon or 1pm-3pm, with Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced students welcome. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre,

615475.

■ Meeting, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Parish Council Rooms, West Street, Rochford, 2pm-4pm, meet third Thursday of the month, call Frances on 01702 342426.

■ Drawing and Painting for Adults, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 2pm-4pm, with an experienced artist, £6 per lesson, call 07875 079739.

■ Art Club for children, five to 10 years, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 4pm-5pm, £5 per session, call 07875 079739.

■ Meeting, Southend and Rochford Essex Wildlife Trust, Westclif United Reformed Church Hall, Kings Road, Westclif, 7.30pm, includes talk 'The work of Southend Council's Environmental Projects Officer', £1.50 donation, refreshments included.

■ Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, meet first and third Thursday of the month, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 7.45pm, call 01702 529216.

■ Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, meet on third Thursday every month, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome.

■ Walk, Friends' Group ES60, Marsh Farm Country Park, South Woodham Ferrers, meet 10.30am, 2-3 mile walk along sea wall, lunch at cafe.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Jill 01268 753667.

■ Meeting, Westclif National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westclif, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, Thursdays 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Ballroom Dancing, St Peter's New Mazoned Hall, Eastwood Road North, Leigh, music and dancing to suit everyone, come and make friends, Thursdays 8-10.30pm.

■ Dance About, St Mark's Church Hall, Princes Street, Thursdays 7-8pm, all kinds of music and dancing.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmslie Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, Thursdays 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre,

Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, £4, first 3 weeks free, 01702 553546.

Friday, March 16

■ An Evening of Mediumship, Great Misley Scout Hut, Vange, Basildon, with 'Paul Woods', 7.30-9pm.

■ Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Runwell, Wickford, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/hearty new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking, 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm, 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 239794.

■ Stone Carving, Sculpture plus Lettering, Studio Workshop, 39a West Road, Shoebury, professional tuition, traditional tools, Fridays 8-10pm, details Jim Davis 01702 292867.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.

■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players, 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.

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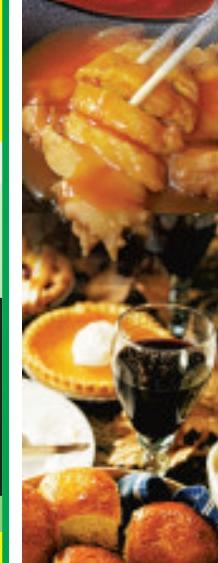
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New look for the Lemon Tree

DINERS at a Southend restaurant are enjoying new surroundings, thanks to an extensive refurbishment.

Last year the owner of The Lemon Tree, Servet, built an extension to the restaurant and it now has an open plan kitchen area, where diners can see their food being prepared including its new pizza menu.

As well as this, diners are now relaxing in a beautiful dining area with lantern roof, and a garden scene with fish pond.

Future plans also include adding decking to the garden for alfresco dining and a smoking area for the summer.

Its extra space, with seating for up to 80 people, means it is now the ideal setting for large parties.



It now also has the space to provide private areas for smaller celebrations, as well as host music evenings at the weekend.

Its open plan kitchen has allowed the restaurant to introduce a new range of stone baked pizzas, all prepared in a Mediterranean style, right before your eyes.

The Lemon Tree has an extensive wine and champagne list to compliment its vast a la carte menu, which has a wide choice of starters including Portobello mushrooms, King Prawns cooked with white wine, parsley and garlic butter, and Deep Fried Crab and Vegetable Samosa with English Mustard dip, as well as a range of main dishes, all served with vegetable and potato, including Roasted Rack of Lamb served on mint-

ed cream potato and red wine jus, Fillet Steak with roasted aubergine puree and smoked spicy tomato sauce, Chef Special Wild Rabbit with stock, bay leaf, garlic and white wine jus, and Skate cooked with black butter, onions capers and white wine.

Its pizza menu includes a range of delights including Pizza Calzone, topped with tomato, mozzarella and ham, and the Lemon Tree Special, topped with goat's cheese, sun dried tomatoes and lavender, as well as a lunchtime pasta and pizza special.

With so much to offer The Lemon Tree is a great place to treat your mum, especially on Mothers' Day, when it will be serving a three-course meal plus tea or coffee for just £21.95. The restaurant is now taking bookings for Sunday, March 18, and anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

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cinema**All is fair in love and war**

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Scripted by Simon Kinberg and Timothy Dowling, this hare-brained buddy movie delivers slam-bang thrills and a few sparkling one-liners as rivalry between the two elite operatives escalates out of control, resulting in amusing abuses of CIA resources.

This Means War starts with a bang and McG knows how to bolt together explosive sequences that quicken the pulse.

However, comic interludes don't always hit their target and the voyeuristic nature of the men's surveillance leaves a nasty taste in the mouth, especially when they resort to documenting entanglements in the bedroom.

Crucially, the film's inherent design flaw - like the heroine, we have to side with one of her suitors - means half the audience will be disappointed by the overblown climax when the love-struck lady

makes her choice.

The girl gets her guy, just maybe not the right one.

The film opens with a fast-paced action sequence in Hong Kong, where agents FDR (Chris Pine) and Tuck (Tom Hardy) are on assignment to apprehend crimelord Heinrich (Til Schweiger).

Instructions from their boss Collins (Angela Bassett) to be discreet are gleefully ignored, leading to a high-profile shootout.

The buddies return to HQ to face the music.

To lighten the mood, ladies' man FDR helps shy and gallant Tuck to dip his toes back into the dating pool by creating a flattering profile for his friend on a relationships website.

Soon after, Tuck accepts a first date with Lauren (Reese Witherspoon), a beautiful consumer testing manager, who is recovering from a breakup with her sweetheart (Warren Christie). Tuck is instantly smitten.

Soon after the date, FDR also encounters Lauren and he falls for her acidic wit.



ADVENTURE: Chris Pine, Tom Hardy and Reese Witherspoon.

Picture by PA Photo/Fox Australia Film

Armed with a dazzling array of hi-tech gadgetry, FDR and Tuck compete against each other to win Lauren's heart.

She is torn between the two men, unaware they know each other, and seeks advice from her potty-mouthed sister Trish (Chelsea Handler), who counsels, "Don't choose the better guy. Choose the guy who makes you the better girl."

This Means War plays to Witherspoon's strengths as a comic actress, placing her at the centre of some elaborately staged set pieces, unaware

her two handsome suitors are best buddies.

Alas, Hardy struggles to find his comic timing to soften his bruising hard man image while Pine mugs shamelessly.

Thank goodness for Handler, scene-stealing with gusto as the saucy sibling, who dishes out filthy words of wisdom during her own love-making.

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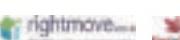
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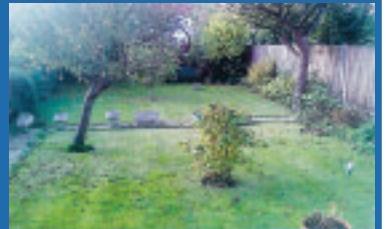
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CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA

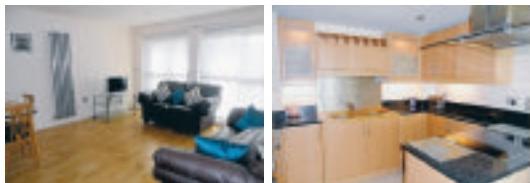
£385,000

Detached character property situated within the heart of the Clifftown Conservation Area. The property offers attractive open plan living accommodation with stunning fitted kitchen adn two reception rooms, long with ground floor cloakroom/wc. Four spacious bedrooms, luxtury family bathroom/wc with walk in shower cubicle and has the benefit of South backing rear garden. Application applied to the council for approval of block paved parking for two vehicles.

- Clifftown Conservation Area
- Stunning fitted kitchen
- Open plan living accommodation
- Four spacious bedrooms
- Lounge
- Contemporary bathroom/wc
- Separate Dining Room
- South backing rear garden
- Ground floor cloakroom/wc

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

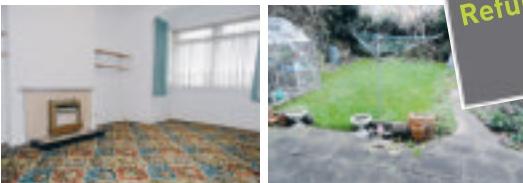
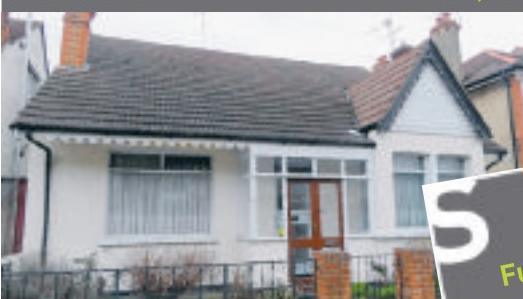
£159,995



Ground floor apartment being situated within a prime location opposite Chalkwell beach and offering no onward chain. The property offers quality fixtures and fittings throughout. With the accommodation comprising lounge incorporating kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom/wc and large West facing sun balcony with view towards Estuary. Secure underground parking.

Westcliff On Sea

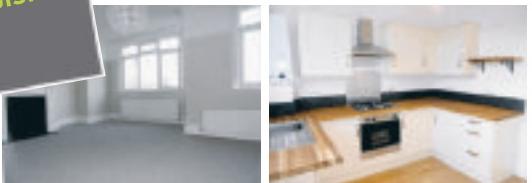
£169,995



We are favoured with instructions as sole agents to offer for sale this spacious fully detached double fronted bungalow being situated within a central location of Westcliff and offering no onward chain. The property offers two double bedrooms and two further reception rooms and benefits from a shared drive leading to own rear garage. There is a West backing rear garden. General modernisation required.

SOUTHEND ON SEA

£113,000



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FREEHOLD AVAILABLE - We are favoured with instructions as sole agents to offer for sale this immaculate and spacious first floor flat offering spacious accommodation throughout and having no onward chain. There is a large lounge/diner, two double bedrooms, spacious newly fitted kitchen/ breakfast room and a new modern bathroom/wc. The property has been fully double glazed and there are new carpets throughout. Own share of South backing rear garden.

CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA

£119,500



Being situated within the Heart of the Clifftown Conservation area within close proximity to town, bowling green and Cliff gardens is this immaculate one bedroom retirement bungalow for the over 55's being one of only two of the larger bungalows within the complex. The property is warden controlled and comes with careline facilities.

WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£119,995



Being situated within a popular location of Westcliff is this spacious two bedroom ground floor flat benefitting from a spacious lounge and a good size kitchen/diner. The property is double glazed and benefits from gas central heating via radiators and there is an attractive rear garden. There is no onward chain and keys are held for viewings.

SOUTHEND ON SEA

£550 pcm



Close to Station
Fully self contained first floor flat within a central location of Southend, large lounge, fitted kitchen with recess for refrigerator, plumbing for washing machine, recess for cooker, two double bedrooms, shower room/wc, stairs down to communal garden, full gas central heating and double glazing.

SHOEBURYNESS

£675 pcm



Mid terrace house situated within central Shoebury, living room with open plan kitchen with integrated door ring gas hob with oven and grill under, stainless steel extractor fan, recess for upright fridge/freezer, plumbing and recess for washing machine, ground floor bathroom/wc with white suite and chrome fittings, independent shower over bath, two double bedrooms, full gas central heating, double glazing, South backing garden, off street parking to rear approached via West Road.

SHOEBURYNESS

£700 pcm



Large fully self contained first floor flat situated within a popular and central location of Shoebury, large lounge/diner, fitted kitchen/breakfast room with integrated double oven and grill, integrated four ring gas hob with extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for upright fridge/freezer, two double bedrooms, bathroom/wc with modern white suite and chrome fittings, shower over bath, full double glazing, gas central heating, allocated off street parking for two vehicles.

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CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £185,000

Beautifully maintained and deceptively spacious two bedroom garden flat located in the heart of the Conservation Area. Sitting room with French doors to garden. Modern kitchen. Large store room. Second reception room. En-suite shower room/w.c. Front and rear garden. Full gas fired central heating via radiators. Parking space for one vehicle to the rear. Immaculate condition throughout. Early internal viewing advised.

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £154,950

Three bedroom family house located within close proximity of London Road shops and the Palace Theatre. The property is in need of some minor refurbishment which has been reflected in the asking price. Entrance hall. Separate dining room with French doors to garden. Kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators. Large garden.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £139,995

Two bedroom purpose built apartment located moments away from Southend's seafront. UPVC double glazed. Gas central heating. Two double bedrooms. Communal gardens. Private parking space.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £169,995

Recently refurbished three bedroom mid terraced house situated within easy access to local schools and amenities. Lounge. Modern fitted kitchen/diner and bathroom. Newly installed gas fired combination boiler (not tested). Newly installed electrics. Double glazed. Re-plastered walls. Parking available to the rear of property.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £93,500

One bedroom ground floor flat located within close proximity of Hamlet Court Road. Entrance hall. Lounge 15'5 x 17'4. Modern fitted kitchen 7'6 x 7'1. Bathroom/w.c. Bedroom 10'11 x 8'8. Off road parking. Gas central heating. Mainly UPVC double glazed.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £110,000

Two bedroom first floor flat located south of the London Road. Lounge. Kitchen. Bathroom. Gas fired heating (not tested). Double glazed. In need of modernisation. Close proximity to local amenities. No onward chain.



SOUTHEND ON SEA OIRO £125,000

Attractive two bedroom ground floor maisonette with approximate 50' south backing garden and off-street parking to front. Lounge. Kitchen/breakfast room. En-suite to bedroom one. Bedding. Bathing. Gas central heating. Double glazed. Close proximity to both Southend High Street & Southchurch Village shopping centre. Easy access to mainline railway station.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £199,995

Four bedroom, two reception room semi-detached house located in a quiet location. Lounge. Dining room. Fitted kitchen. Family bathroom. Additional separate w.c. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Good decorative order. Approx. 60' rear garden. Walking distance of local shops and bus routes.



SOUTHEND £199,995

Beautifully maintained extended three bedroom semi-detached family house. Superb 27' lounge/diner. Extensively fitted kitchen/breakfast room 24' x 10'8. Ground floor cloakroom/utility room. Three double bedrooms. One bathroom. Sealed unit double glazing. New gas central heating. Sunny low maintenance garden. Popular south of the London Road location.



ROCHFORD £69,995

Spacious one-bedroom retirement apartment. Close to Rochford town centre and mainline railway station. Large lounge. Double bedroom. Quality bathroom. Feature shower / wet room. Restaurant. Communal lounge. Laundry. Maintained communal gardens. Residents' and visitors' parking facilities. Warden assistance / portage service.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £134,950

Two bedroom first and second floor flat within close proximity of the Clifftown Conservation Area. Lounge. Sun lounge. First floor bathroom. Rear garden. Majority double glazed. Popular residential location. Walking distance of C2C railway stations. No onward chain.

LETTINGS



BOSCOMBE ROAD, SOUTHEND £695 PCM

Large ground floor THREE bedroom flat close to Town Centre: LARGE LOUNGE: FITTED KITCHEN: ONE BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE: CENTRAL HEATING: CARPETS: DOUBLE GLAZED: GARDEN: Available mid March: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS2 4JP



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ROYAL TERRACE, SOUTHEND £625 PCM

Top floor ONE double bedroom flat close to Cliff Gardens: LOUNGE WITH PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS: FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES: PERMIT PARKING AVAILABLE: Available mid March: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 1DY



GRANGE GARDENS, SOUTHEND £595 PCM

Large newly refurbished ground floor ONE double bedroom flat close to Town Centre. LARGE LOUNGE WITH BAY WINDOW: NEW KITCHEN AND BATHROOM: CENTRAL HEATING: NEW CARPETS: DOUBLE GLAZED: GARDEN: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 2LL



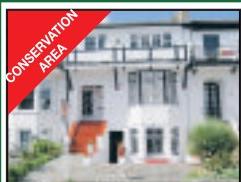
ROCKLEIGH AVENUE, LEIGH £600 PCM

Large ONE double bedroom ground floor flat close to Leigh Broadway shops and amenities: LOUNGE: DINING ROOM: FITTED KITCHEN: DOUBLE GLAZED: CENTRAL HEATING: GARDEN: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS9 1LA



DUNSTER AVENUE, WESTCLIFF £500 PCM

Ground floor ONE double bedroom flat close to Kent Elms. LOUNGE: MODERN FITTED KITCHEN: CENTRAL HEATING: NEW CARPETS: DOUBLE GLAZED: PRIVATE SECTION OF GARDEN: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 0HQ



DEVEREUX ROAD, SOUTHEND £700 PCM

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WHITEFRIARS CRESCENT, WESTCLIFF £595 PCM

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LONDON ROAD, WESTCLIFF £545 PCM

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CAMBRIDGE ROAD, SOUTHEND £725 PCM

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WESTBOROUGH ROAD, WESTCLIFF £625 PCM

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AMBLESIDE DRIVE, SOUTHEND £625 PCM

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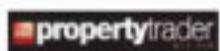
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**Westcliff On Sea** £162,500

A two bedroom terrace house with three reception rooms, large bathroom with four piece suite, situated within close proximity of Hamlet Court Road shopping facilities and Westcliff mainline station. The property requires modernisation.

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OPEN HOME - SATURDAY 10th MARCH - This three bedroom detached character house benefits from four reception rooms, kitchen/utility room, three first floor bedrooms plus loft space which has been fully boarded. Rear garden, single garage and off street parking. PRICE FOR OPEN HOUSE ONLY

RAYLEIGH

OFFERS IN EXCESS £185,000



OPEN HOME - SATURDAY 17th MARCH - Call now to book your viewing time for this semi-detached bungalow which is being offered with no onward chain. In brief the accommodation comprises of lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed rear garden. There is also a garage with allocated parking to the rear.

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Open Day - Shipwrights Drive, Thundersley Guide Price £230,000

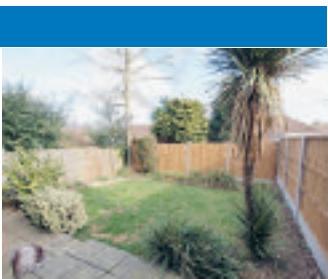
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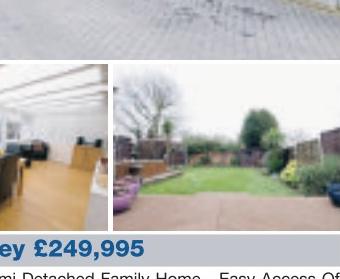
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Thundersley £250,000

Four Bedroom Semi-Detached House - Lounge 17'8 x 10'7 - Dining Room 15'2 x 8'11 - Kitchen 9'10 x 9'6 - Study 7'9 x 4'11 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Mostly UPVC Double Glazed - Bedroom One 12'0 x 11'4 With En-Suite Shower Room - Bedroom Two 11'4 x 8'6 - Bedroom Three 11'10 x 8'9 - Bedroom Four 8'10 x 8'10 - Bathroom - Compact Rear Garden - Garage & Further Off Street Parking - Popular & Sought After Location - King John School Catchment - Easy Access Of Shipwrights Woods, Thundersley Glen & Seevic College - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Highlands Estate £300,000

Three/Four Bedroom Semi-Detached House - Two Garages - Front Lounge 13'5 x 13'4 - Rear Lounge 13'5 x 11'9 - Conservatory 19'5>14'6 x 18'1 - Kitchen/Breakfast Room 13'3 x >5'7 x 16'8 - Bedroom One 13'8 x 12'1 With Beech Style Built In Wardrobes - Bedroom Two 11'6 x 8'11 Second Floor Bedroom Three 15'4 x 10'6 - Bedroom Four 6'7 x 6'5 - UPVC Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating - Luxury Whirlpool Jacuzzi Bath - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Eastwood Guide Price £500,000

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		Lower Road, Hullbridge £219,995	Bull Lane, Rayleigh £499,995
		<p>A delightful semi detached three/four bedroom chalet style residence offering deceptively spacious family accommodation and good size garden. Situated in this popular semi rural location yet convenient for Ferry Road shops, local bus services, schools and within a short drive to the river front. Early viewing advised.</p>	<p>An exceptional five bedroom detached family residence built to exacting standards by the current owner 8 years ago. The property offers spacious living space that has been particularly well decorated. Rayleigh Town Centre and Train Station are within walking distance. No onward chain.</p>
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Vacant Shop To Let Leigh

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Canvey Island £875 pcm

Refurbished three bedroom semi detached bungalow offering a newly fitted kitchen, dressing room to master, cloakroom, utility room & a large well maintained rear garden. This property is situated within a quiet cul de sac location and within walking distance to Canvey sea wall & local amenities.

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Hullbridge £950 pcm

Three/four bedroom detached chalet situated within walking distance to the river & local amenities. This property offers spacious accommodation with a fitted kitchen, downstairs shower room, conservatory, large three piece bathroom suite with jacuzzi bath, well maintained rear garden & off street parking.

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Hadleigh £775 pcm

Refurbished two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in this extremely popular cul de sac location within Daws Heath. This bungalow offers two double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen, west backing rear garden & off street parking. Viewings strongly recommended.

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ASHINGDON £275,000

NEW
INSTRUCTION

- Wide Road frontage
- Extended accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Two reception rooms

Ref: ESH1515



Hawkwell £210,000

- Favoured Location
- Delightful Lounge
- L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room/Wc

- Bath/shower room
- Fitted kitchen
- Ample off street parking
- South backing garden



Hockley £350,000

- Grade 11 Listed
- Dating back to 1675
- Much Charm & Character
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Cottage Style Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms

- Double Glazing
- Gas Heating
- Off-Street Parking
- Close Station & Village Centre
- No Onward Chain



Hockley £179,950

- Extended accommodation
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom/w.c.

- Dining room
- Gas central heating
- Garage with off st. parking
- Secluded south facing garden
- Ref: ESH1489



Hawkwell £420,000

NEW
INSTRUCTION

- Highly favoured location
- Five Bedrooms
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Modern bath/shower room

- En-suite shower room
- Integral double width garage
- Ample parking
- South facing garden
- Ref: ESH1511



Hockley £495,000

- Highly Favoured Location
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 5 Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Area
- Sun Lounge
- Family Bathroom

- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- 120' Garden
- Double length Garage
- In/Out Driveway
- Ref: ESH1502



Hockley £269,950

- Double aspect lounge
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Open plan kitchen/diner

- Gas central heating
- No onward chain
- Wide rear garden
- Close to village centre
- Ref: ESH1509



Rochford £185,000

- Lounge with fireplace
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas heating

- Two bedrooms
- Detached garage
- 117' (35.66m) south facing garden
- Close to Rochford town centre
- Ref: ESH1514



Hockley £295,000

- Favoured location
- Ground floor cloaks/shower room
- Three reception rooms
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom/w.c.

- Gas central heating
- Fitted kitchen
- Garage and parking
- 70' secluded south facing garden
- Ref: ESH1494



Hawkwell £325,000

- Prominent corner plot
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms
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LEIGH ON SEA £395,000

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LEIGH ON SEA £249,995

Situated in this sought after cul de sac on the Highlands estate, an extended two bedroom semi detached character bungalow on a large plot, benefiting from garage, off street parking and much more. Vacant.



LEIGH ON SEA £269,995

A rare opportunity to purchase this south backing extended two bedroom, two reception room detached character bungalow situated on the Highlands Estate and therefore within walking distance to mainline station and Broadway facilities having the added benefits of off street parking. Vacant. ehl1542



ROCHFORD £340,000

A superb, deceptively large four bedroom detached residence having undergone comprehensive refurbishment throughout offering a wealth of features and finished to an extremely high quality which also benefits from south backing rear garden. This property must be viewed to fully appreciate. ehl1547

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DAWS HEATH £750,000

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- * Utility room
- * Family room
- * 25' x 24'6 lounge
- * Family bathroom
- * Wedge shaped 100' garden backing onto farm fields
- * One and a half width garage



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SOLE AGENTS



HADLEIGH £215,000

- * Located on popular "Westwood estate"
- * Backs adjacently onto John Burrows playing fields
- * Bright & spacious semi detached house
- * Close to schools, town centre & shops
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- * Modern fitted kitchen
- * Three bedrooms
- * 2pce bathroom with plumbed in shower over
- * Separate WC
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- * Family sized 3pc bathroom
- * Block paved frontage for off street parking
- * Good decorative order



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MARKET
SOLE AGENTS



DAWS HEATH £205,000

- * Situated on a corner plot in sought after Daws Heath
- * Semi detached bungalow
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Spacious kitchen/breakfast room
- * Lounge
- * Modern 3pce shower room
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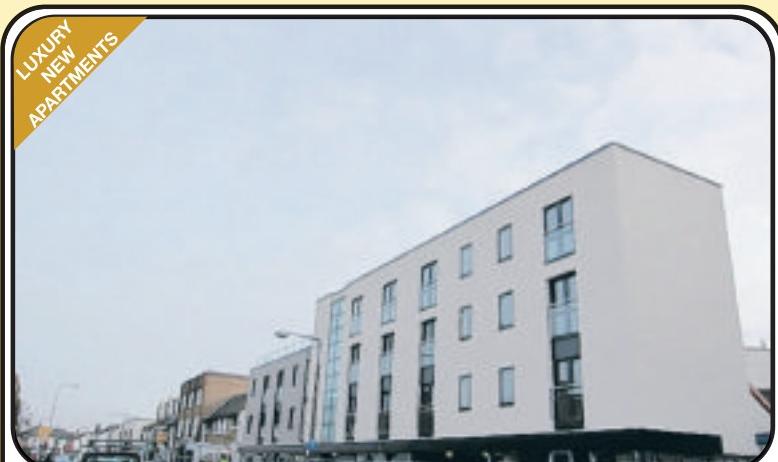
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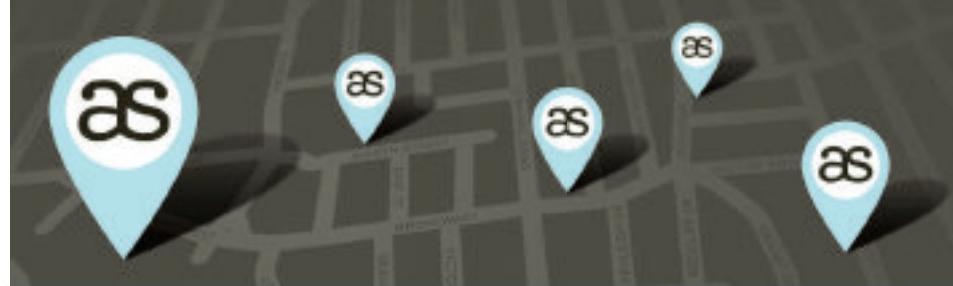
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Leigh On Sea

£230,000

Recently refurbished three bedroom detached home with off street parking, double glazing, modern four piece bathroom suite, white high gloss kitchen, separate dining room, ground floor WC, oak flooring, newly fitted carpets and 50ft + west facing garden. No chain!!



NEW PRICE

Leigh On Sea

£159,995

Ashleigh Stone are delighted to offer this lovely one bedroom ground floor flat located on the Marine Estate and is ideally located for the local shops and transport links, which has been greatly improved by the present owners. The flat comes with its own garage and parking space to the rear, double glazed french doors leading directly onto the west facing communal rear garden.



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Westcliff On Sea

£164,995

Ashleigh Stone are delighted to offer this fantastic three bedroom first floor flat which has been greatly improved by the current owners, the flat offers amazing living accommodation and now boasts a modern fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and its own garden with direct access from the kitchen. The flat also comes with a new 125 year lease.



NEW

Chalkwell

£489,995

Ashleigh Stone are offering for sale this six bedroom semi-detached home within walking distance to the seafront and main line train station. There is parking to the front and a large rear garden to enjoy watching the children play while you are relaxing in your morning room. Take time to look round this fantastic home it offers more than you would think and see how it would suit your lifestyle.



Leigh On Sea

£99,995

This is one bedroom purpose built flat with its own front door and garden. Inside all the rooms are off the landing and the lounge/kitchen is to the front. This flat is perfectly situated for those who need to be near the local shops and bus routes.



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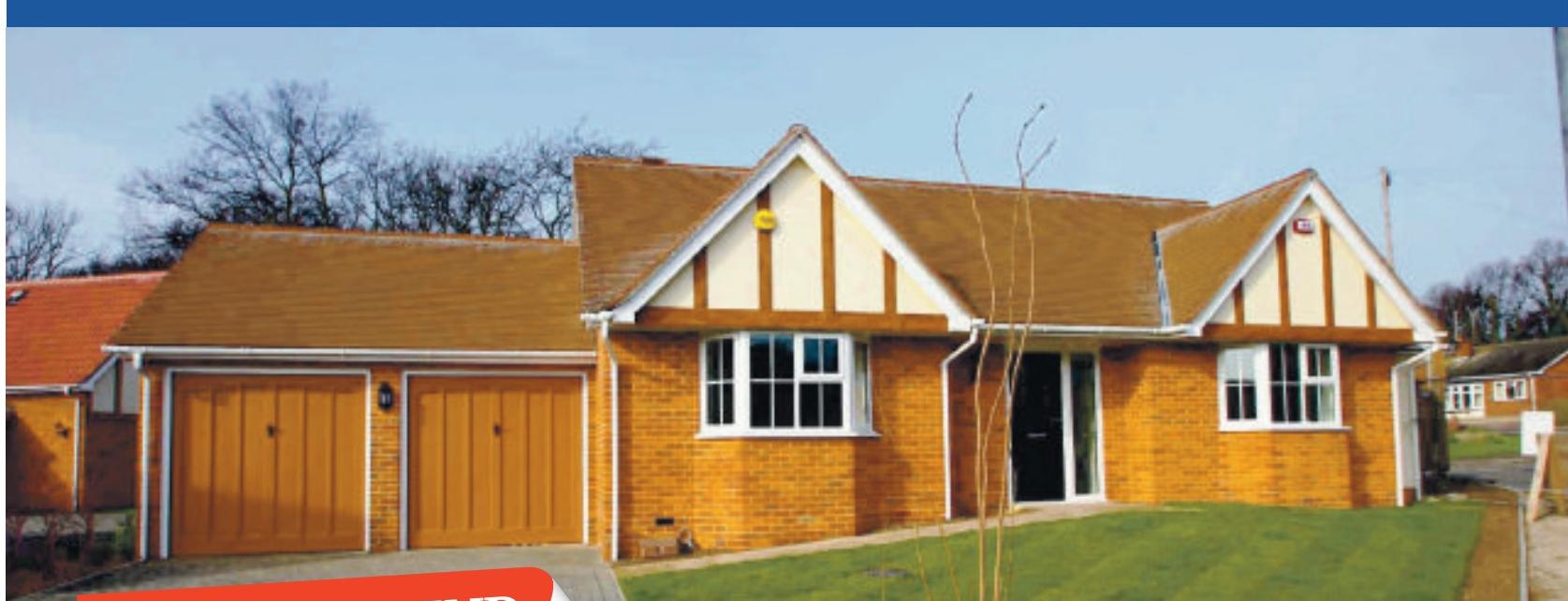
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Q. What is happening with Energy Performance Certificates?

A. You may well ask! Changes to the rules governing EPCs were supposed to be implemented last July, and then in October.

Both dates came and went without any sign of the changes happening – and with precious little explanation of what (if anything) was going on.

Currently, a new version of the EPC, and new rules governing their use, are meant to come into force on 6th April – Good Friday. However, at the time of writing, with only some 5 weeks left to go, the whole thing still seems to be up in the air. Detailed guidance from CLG (the Department of Communities and Local Government) is promised well in advance of the date, but there are currently no clues as to what that guidance might be. It is even rumoured that the new version of the EPC hasn't even been approved yet!

In practical terms, this is probably more of a worry for us estate agents than it is for the general public, since one of the proposed changes is that in the case of sales, we will become legally responsible for EPCs, and face censure and even have to pay fines if the new rules governing their production and use are broken – yet we are almost completely in the dark about what's going on!

Ultimately, however, the really big question is whether any of these changes will make EPCs more useful than they have so far proved – and on this, I suppose the fairest thing to say is that the jury is still well and truly out. The official line, of course, is that anything which increases awareness of the energy efficiency and environmental impact of a property has got to be a good idea. But so far, there is precious little evidence to suggest that buyers actually care very much. After all, there is a lot more to choosing a home than the cost of heating it. Very few buyers are showing signs of rejecting properties that they like and can afford, simply because they have a "G" energy rating.

Of course, this may change as we all become – or are forced to become – greener. However, that day is still a long way off.



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Tenant Question

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Think Property Answer

Technically, you could easily argue that the botched repair is damage to the property and make a request to the tenant to make a contribution towards the costs, but is the bad blood that this could create worth it? If this is a one off and not the latest in a line of amateur DIY mistakes, the tenant deserves the benefit of the doubt.

If you want to be reasonable and realistic, we think you probably just have to take this one on the chin and do the repair at your expense. After all, the flush wasn't working anyway and you would have had to make a repair in any case. You don't note how old the mechanism is, but they do eventually, inevitably, need replacement.

There's another angle to this we think. Lots of landlords are very keen for their tenants to be proactive and keep on top of minor repair and maintenance. We hear tales of tenants pestering landlords and calling at all hours with the most minor requests. Asking for replacement lightbulbs and the like is quite common. That's why it's critical to set expectations and be communicative.



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Drivetime

by Jonathan Crouch

BLENDING the cheeky styling of a supermini with the practicality of a compact MPV ought to be a winning formula and so it proves in the pert shape of Nissan's Note. The latest round of revisions have added extra equipment to the mainstream variants, plus a new luxury version. What was already a solid package just got even more compelling.

Just because cost or circumstance means you need a small car, it doesn't necessarily have to feel small. As customers demand versatility in ever-smaller packages, manufacturers have come up with a couple of options for buyers on a supermini budget who want something with a bit more flexibility. The first little group are based on converted compact

vans - models like Citroen's Berlingo Multispace. But if you can't face the thought of putting the kids into something originally designed for packages and plumbing equipment, then you'll probably be more comfortable with the second, normally referred to as 'supermini-MPVs'.

Here lie models like Vauxhall's Meriva, Renault's Modus and the car featured here, Nissan's Note. All borrow tricks from more conventionally sized mini-MPVs so that a family of five, who'd normally have to squeeze very painfully into a supermini, can be seated relatively comfortably with lots of space for their odds and ends.

The driving experience is all but indistinguishable from the previous car's, though if you overcook it on a wet road, you'll be glad that ESP

Nissan's perfect pitch?

stability control is now standard on Acenta, Tekna and n-tec models. If you bought a Visia, it might be wise to curb your enthusiasm as it doesn't come with the ESP safety net.

Otherwise it's as you were. The Note always feels enjoyably nimble on the road with suspension firm enough to resist roll and steering that's light but accurate. It's perfect for nipping through the city streets and it inspires confidence thanks to good all-round visibility and a tight turning circle. Three main engine choices are offered. Low mileage buyers will choose between a 87bhp 1.4-litre and 108bhp 1.6-litre powerplants.

One interesting but useless nugget of information is that this car was designed by Toyota - Taiji Toyota that is - one of Nissan's most talented stylists. He's done a good job too, managing to avoid the formulaic box-on-wheels shape that afflicts some of the Nissan NOTE's contemporaries.

On paper, this car is roughly equivalent in size to its immediate rivals at just under four metres long, 1.53m high and 1.69m wide. In the metal however, it appears lower and longer with minimal rear overhang and quite a pronounced nose protruding at the front.

The interior feels very spacious and that's in no small part down to the fact that the wheelbase of 2.60m is longer than that of theoretically roomier cars like the Volkswagen Golf. This available space can be optimised between luggage and rear passengers with the aid of a sliding rear bench seat as well as the usual folding arrangement.

The NOTE's most interesting feature, however, is the optional split level Flexi-Board luggage bay. Here, twin steel-framed boards cover an additional stowage space beneath the floor which is ideal for stowing valuables. With the rear seats in place, there's 280 litres of luggage space. Slide the rear seat forward (it has a 160mm adjustment) and lower the luggage boards into the well, and you get an extra 100 litres, giving a total load space of 437 litres.

Prices sit mainly in the £11,000-£15,000 bracket and include extra equipment these days. Most buyers choose the popular Acenta model which now gets smart 'diamond cut' two-tone 16-inch alloy wheels, replacing the original 15 inchers. Add in body-coloured door mirrors and front fog light surrounds and the exterior changes become even more noticeable.

All of the Note's powerplants are

respectably frugal, with even the range-topping petrol-engined 1.6 returning a creditable 42.8mpg on the combined cycle. Team that engine with the automatic gearbox and you'll still be looking at 41.5mpg. Go for a 'Pure Drive' diesel and the news is better still with a combined fuel figure of 67.3mpg and emissions pegged at just 110g/km.

When they tested Nissan's Note, 'Which?' magazine decided that 'a well equipped Nissan Note is all the car you'll ever need'. If you're looking for a compact family car, that's as good a recommendation to start with as any.

There's no doubt that manufacturing a truly practical small car is a difficult thing to do, especially when that practicality must come along with all the other things that buyers have come to expect from their urban runabouts. Despite this, Nissan appear to have ticked all the key boxes with their NOTE. It's well-equipped, versatile, fun to drive and affordable - the diesel models in particular offering a tempting ownership proposition if you can justify the premium over petrol power. Now it's up to all the other car manufacturers to come up with something better. It may take them a while.



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by Andy Enright

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Study their workings and you have to say they have a point. Their research covered a 'dust to dust' lifetime cost and encompassed not just fuel consumption and CO₂ figures but also the energy used in design and production in both car assembly and by suppliers of parts. The energy used in transporting the cars to dealers and in maintenance, servicing, scrapping and recycling was also taken into account. Hybrid cars did poorly in this regard because of the energy used in their manufacture and the replacement and disposal costs of high-energy items like batteries and electric motors. At the end of the number crunching, the simple, honest and eminently recyclable Wrangler won.

Still, you don't need to look like GI Joe to save your green conscience. Customers of all new Land Rover vehicles sold in the UK pay to offset the CO₂ emissions produced by their vehicle, calculated on the



certified CO₂ emissions level for each Land Rover model up to 45,000 miles, typically three years use. The cost is from £85 to £165 depending on model. The ultimate goal is CO₂ neutrality with investments being made in renewable energy projects such as wind and solar, technology change and energy efficiency. The first projects will include providing hydro-electric power to a remote area of Tajikistan and funding a wind farm in China. Together, these projects will offset 150,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year and bring social and environmental benefits to thousands of people. The greenest car I ever ran was a 3.9-litre V8 Land Rover Discovery. It was so ruinously thirsty that I cycled everywhere instead.

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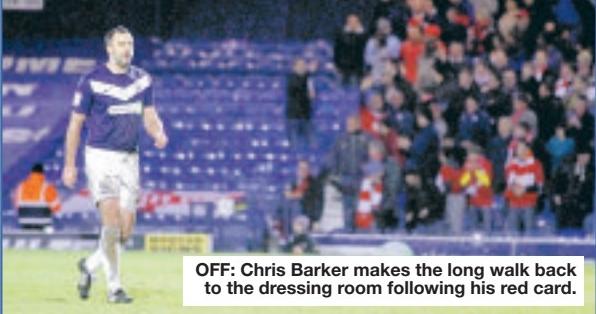
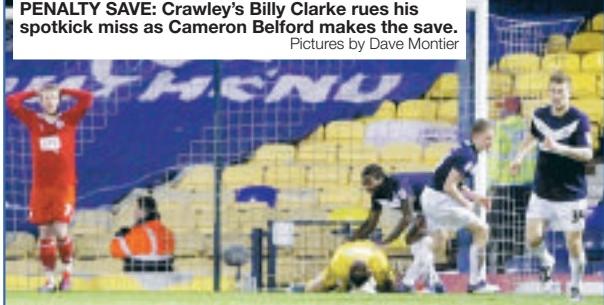
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PENALTY SAVE: Crawley's Billy Clarke rues his spotkick miss as Cameron Belford makes the save.

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OFF: Chris Barker makes the long walk back to the dressing room following his red card.

Sturrock praises Blues spirit

Southend United

CAMERON Belford was Southend United's hero on Monday night as his penalty save earned ten-man Blues a goalless draw with League Two promotion rivals Crawley Town.

The stopper, only in his second appearance for the Blues in his loan spell from Bury, had a home debut to remember, saving with his legs to keep out Billy Clarke's spot-kick on the hour mark.

The striker had earned the penalty after Shrimpers skipper Chris Barker had handled his shot on the line which resulted in a red card.

It got worse for the Blues as substitute striker Liam Dickinson was stretchered off with an ankle

injury, meaning Blues had to play the remaining 10 minutes plus six minutes stoppage time with nine men.

They held on to the point which left boss Paul Sturrock delighted.

He said: "It was a fantastic result for us and it feels more like a win than a draw."

"The wind was a factor in the first half and then it dropped in the second half so we did not get the benefit of it."

"But then we got the penalty saved and held out against the odds to get the draw."

"Crawley had chances to win the game but in the end we have come through a torrid two weeks. The team-work was there for everyone to see tonight

and it was a performance that tells its own story."

With the wind behind them, Crawley had the best chances in the first half but found Belford in fantastic form, keeping out efforts from Sergio Torres, Dannie Bulman and Scott Davies.

Crawley again had the better possession in the second half, Belford again denying Clarke by parrying his shot wide, who also came close with a header.

The Blues gave Crawley keeper Rene Gilmartin little to do, with David Martin shooting weakly while Dickinson should have done better with a header, although he was flagged for offside.

The point means the Blues hold on to the third automatic promotion spot.

Women's rugby side make progress

Rugby Union

SEEVIC College Women's rugby team is enjoying a great 2012 so far.

Currently preparing for the British Colleges (BCS) National Finals at Bath University at the end of March, the side are East Region championships and are now heading for the semi-final of the BCS Cup Competition.

SEEVIC will face the best women's teams across the country in the tournament. They progressed to the semi-final having beaten East Norfolk College 10-5 in extra time in a

nail-biting contest.

Coach Perry Sansom said: "The girls have come a long way since last season and we now have a strong, well developed squad that are improving weekly."

"We are ever growing in numbers and the standard is very high. Our main focus this year is the British Colleges National Finals of which we will be definite competitors for a medal and we are hoping to progress to the final of the BCS Cup."

IMPROVING: SEEVIC College Women's rugby team.



Clarets grind out victory while Fleet suffer late heartbreak

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City boosted their play-off hopes after edging out Hampton & Richmond Borough 1-0 at the Melbourne Stadium on Saturday.

Dave Rainford's penalty on the hour mark was enough to separate the two sides leaving the Clarets in fourth place, 11 points behind leaders Woking, but more importantly, 11 points ahead of Dover Athletic outside the play-offs.

Thurrock's plight at the bottom continued, losing 1-0 at home to play-off hopefuls Sutton United, Kyle Vassell netting the winner on 85 minutes.

Billericay Town's lead at the top of Ryman League Premier has been cut down to three points.

Billesley drew 1-1 at in-form Wealdstone after Glenn Poole cancelled out Richard Jolly's opener for Stones.

AFC Hornchurch drew closer thanks to their 2-0 victory over another in-form side, Concord

Rangers. Martin Tuohy gave the Urchins a 19th minute lead, but their task was made tougher following the dismissal of captain Elliot Styles on 33 minutes.

It did not affect them as Fola Orlonise doubled their lead on 47 minutes and they held on. The Urchins still have two games in hand over Billericay.

Canvey Island kept their play-off hopes alive with a 3-1 victory over fellow chasers Hendon.

The visitors went ahead through Carl McCluskey on 35 minutes, but the Gulls overturned the deficit in the second half, Rob King levelling on 54 minutes and Bradley-Woods Garnett (65, 90) netting a double to leave them in seventh.

East Thurrock United bolstered their mid-table position with a 4-2 victory over Metropolitan Police. Sam Higgins scored a hat-trick with Marc Gorbell also on the score-sheet, while Ty Smith and Jay Lovett initially gave Met a 2-1 lead.

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The relegation battle in Ryman League Division One North is heating up with Ilford lifting themselves above Ware at the bottom thanks to their 3-2 victory over Cheshunt.

A Glenn Williamson own goal and a Rob Carter penalty put Ilford two up in 18 minutes. Andrew West and Wes Pullen levelled but Dan Abioye scored the winner in the 65th minute.

Ilford are two points behind Great Wakering Rovers outside the drop zone who played out a goalless draw at home with Heybridge Swifts.

Brentwood Town's push for a play-off place faltered with a 1-0 defeat at home to leaders Leiston through Rhys Henry's second half goal.

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Alex Read put the Dockers ahead with 20 minutes left, but the Motormen snatched a draw at the death through Conor Mead's own goal.

Grays Athletic's play-off push is stuttering following their 3-2 defeat in a fiery contest at Soham Town Rangers.

Joa Carlos put them ahead but it started to go wrong for Grays on 61 minutes when Paul Olima saw red.

This unsettled Grays and the match was turned in Soham's favour with three goals in nine minutes through Michael Simpson (73), Scott Carter (80) and Paul Jones (82).

Nathan Gordon (86) setup a tense final few minutes but defeat saw Grays drop to ninth.

Romford won 2-0 over fellow mid-table side Waltham Forest, with two goals in 12 minutes from Chris Sullivan (39) and Kurt Smith (51), while Maldon & Tiptree went down 3-0 at home to Potters Bar Town, James Gershfield with a brace following Elvis Balic's opener.

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Motorsport



SUPER ONE: Ryan Gillespie.

Ryan revs up for 2012

A BILLERICAY teenager will be hoping to emulate current Formula One drivers Lewis Hamilton, Jenson Button and Paul di Resta by competing in a go-karting championship in 2012.

Ryan Gillespie, 12, will be racing in the Super One British Championships this season where past winners include Hamilton, Button and di Resta.

The youngster, who races under the Ryan Gillespie Racing banner, only started go-karting at pro level last year, but finished his first full season well scoring fastest laps, podiums and a race win.

Ryan has already competed in races this year as he prepares for Super One, winning in a field of 20 drivers at Hoddesdon Kart Club last weekend in wet conditions after qualifying on pole, winning both heats and earning fastest lap in every race.

This followed finishing second at Whilton Mill in Daventry where the first round will take place in April as part of a seven round calendar.

The series will also be televised on Motors TV weekday in a two-hour prime time slot.

If anyone would like to sponsor Ryan for 2012, visit <http://ryangillespie.btck.co.uk>

Rugby Union

Home defeat for Southend

SOUTHEND'S inconsistent season continued in National Two South, going down 22-42 at home to third place Old Albanians on Saturday.

They found themselves 0-28 down inside the first 25 minutes, with Bradley Burr kicking a penalty before the break to make it 3-28.

Old Albanians added two further tries in the second half but Southend performed much better, with Mark Billings, Billy Driver and Sam Arnot going over the line, with Burr and Chris Vaughan adding conversions.

However, Southend were unable to secure a fourth try and a bonus point.

In National League Three London & South East, Westcliff put in a gritty display, losing 13-19 to Bishop's Stortford who continued their run of 15 consecutive wins.

Thurrock are 13 points clear at the top of London One North, winning 29-44 at Hammersmith & Fulham.

Brentwood won 22-34 at bottom side Brantree, while Rochford Hundred lost 26-33 to second place Letchworth Garden City.

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